

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

[0024] Returning to Figure 2, in the particular example provided the spring 38 is a cylindrical beam spring having raised areas 38A upon a generally planar surface 38P. The raised areas 38A are located on opposite sides of the planar surface 38P at radial locations such that the raised areas 38A are not opposed and thereby generate a wave shape to the spring 38 when under an axial load. Compression of the spring 38 creates a wave shape and preloads the outer races 42 of the first and second bearings 30, 34 in the direction of axis A-A. Alternatively, other biasing members may be used for the spring 38 such as a spring.

[0025] Turning now to Figure 6, the interrelationship of the various components of the bearing assembly 10 will be described in greater detail. The first and second bearings 30, 34 are mounted onto the shaft 18 between the rotating component 20 and a shaft shim 70. The shaft 18 extends through the inner races 44, 44' of the first and second bearings 30, 34 and is supported for rotation therein (also illustrated in Figure 7). The inner races 44, 44' are rotatably and axially fixed to the shaft 18. The first and second bearings 30, 34 are spaced apart from one another by the shim 40 mounted therebetween.

Please insert the following after paragraph 0014 of the specification:

Figure 7 is a perspective partial sectional view illustrating the planar spring.